

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
March 2, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at the Jasper Arts Center. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Mike Jones, Robin Norris, Pat Thyen, Gary Moeller, Sherry Monesmith, Kendall Martin, Don Weisheit, Nanette Parsons and Mickey Seger. **Commission Members Absent**: Greg Stoner and Norma Kreilein. **Staff Members Present**: Kit Miracle, Doreen Lechner, Amy Laakman, Karen Grewe, Dalesse Bowles. **Regional Services Coordinator**: Lisa McSpadden. **City Attorney**: Sandy Hemmerlein. **Guests in attendance**: Butch Schitter, City Council and Herald Reporter Kasey Hawrysz. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nanette Parsons moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Note: at 4:35 p.m. Gary Moeller arrived for the meeting.

City Financial Statement

Nannette Parsons moved to approve the claims and financial statement as presented. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director's Report/Performing Arts

Kit reported.

- Kit passed out copies of the line-up for next season as chosen by the Performing Arts Committee. Several big names appear on the line up for next season. Performance Series consists of Jim Brickman, Dance Kaleidoscope, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, Boogie Wonder Band and Diva Nation. Backstage Series consists of Wade Baker, a 2002 JHS graduate, Alpin Hong, Depue & De Hoyos, and Starling Ensemble from IU. Dr. Kaboom, Mark Nizer, and Harold and the Purple Crayon make up the Family Fun Series. Get the Led Out, a special event this year to help celebrate our 35th anniversary will also be a part of the 2010/2011 season.
- *Note: at 4:45 p.m. Mickey Seger arrived for the meeting.*
- **Gary Moeller** moved to accept the line-up so Kit can move forward with contracts and dates. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Bryan Freson, part time custodian, has resigned. Kit asked for permission to seek a replacement. This is a permanent part time position. **Robin Norris** moved to allow Kit to fill the permanent part time custodian position. **Gary Moeller** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Kit requested permission to hire a summer intern. This is a budgeted position. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to allow Kit to move forward on hiring a summer intern. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported.

- There are no specifications for disposal of the old speakers. She is requesting permission to dispose of the old speakers. They are 20 years old and have no monetary worth. They do not have asset numbers. **Mike Jones** moved to dispose of the speakers. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.
- Gallery and front office carpet is in the budget for replacement this year. The carpet was installed in 1994/1995. Doreen requested permission to seek quotes so she would be ready to go if approved. There is only a two week time frame, the last two weeks of August, to get this done. \$12,000 is in the budget to carpet both the gallery and the front office. Discussion followed. **Pat**

Thyen moved to allow Doreen to seek quotes for carpet replacement. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

- The new speakers are great. The sound is fuller and the sound quality is far above the sound we had before.

Education Report

Kit reported for Donna who was absent due to illness.

- February was a busy month for education programming.
- Project Trio was in the high school. There were some logistical issues with set up, but it all worked out well.
- Most Valuable Player was at JAC for middle school aged students. It was a very powerful program about Jackie Robinson. It was very well received. Dallas Children's Theatre provided a high quality performance. The middle school students gave a standing ovation at one of the performances.
- KJ Denhart provided a master class at JHS. Over one hundred students attended. It was also very well received.

Visual Arts Report

Amy reported.

- Barbara Cade, the felt artist has come and gone. Her work was received very well.
- Three workshops are going at the satellite office. Edible art for preschoolers is going well. There are 13 children attending the class.
- Amy reported planning for ARTventures is under way. Most of the teachers are already lined up.
- Amy has wonderful ideas for Chalk Walk make and take. Those are set. She just needs volunteers.
- Guest artists are still needed for Chalk Walk.
- This month is youth art month. Amy invited all the board members to the High School exhibit reception on Sunday. She had volunteers from around the county helping her to hang the art.

Project Coordinator Report

Dalesse reported.

- Requests for quotes on T-shirts have been sent out and she has heard back from one vendor. She is working on designs for the brochures so she can get that out as well.
- We have received 3 applications for Arts Market Vendors at this time.
- Jeremy Damon, owner of Game Knight, will have a booth in the Arts Market to offer free comic books to kids in conjunction with National Free Comic Book Day, which happens to be May 1st as well.
- Approval was received yesterday from the County Commissioners to use the lawns for entertainment and the bathrooms for the Chalk Walk.
- Mike Jones reported the Chalk Walk Executive Committee met and decided the Chalk Walk would be pet free since some children are afraid of animals. In the past we have had children scared by large dogs.
- The Downtown Merchants Association wants to hold a food drive and ask a local artist to make a sculpture at the Chalk Walk from the canned goods that were donated. The food would then be donated to the local food bank. A search is on to find an artist who may be able to complete this sculpture. Several suggestions from board members will be followed up on.

Region 11 Report

Lisa reported.

- Lisa passed around copies of forms and the grant application guidelines to the board members. She reviewed the main changes. The first change regards the time line of receiving applications and review of applications. The second change regards changing the narrative on the grant applications to the standardized format for grant applications. **Gary Moeller** moved to accept the

changes on the forms and allow Lisa to move forward on the process. **Nanette Parsons** seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

- Kit reported on recent proposed actions from the IAC regarding regional arts partnerships. IAC has taken a 22% cut to their budget. A retreat was held in February. Kit and Lisa attended to explore changes to regional arts partnership structure. Last week the IAC subcommittee, The Committee of the Future, met and came up with 4 recommendations that are different from what was discussed at the retreat. A handout was given to board members summarizing these 4 recommendations and how these affect JCAC as a regional partner and Region 11. Kit also passed out 3 options of action for the board to consider. Discussion followed.
- Nannette Parsons left at 5:27.
- **Gary Moeller** moved for the board to respond with a letter to the IAC stating their dissatisfaction with the current proposed plan. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.
- Kit has been invited to appear on WFIU's *The Noon Edition*, a live call in show on Friday. The focus is State budget cuts on the arts.

Old Business

New Business

- Gary Moeller will be attending the City Council meeting on 3/17.

Adjournment

Don Weisheit moved to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. **Kendall Martin** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Mike Jones

Attested